

HOUSE BILL No. 1135

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-17.2-3.5; IC 31-33-17-6.

Synopsis: Minimum standards for CCDF voucher funding. Adds minimum eligibility standards for child care providers participating in the federal child care and development fund (CCDF) voucher reimbursement program. Provides for administrative review of an action taken under the law concerning eligibility for CCDF voucher reimbursement. Allows a voucher agent to have access to certain child abuse registry information. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the board for the coordination of child care regulation.)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-3.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.247-2001,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 4. A provider who:
4 (1) has been convicted of a felony; or
5 (2) fails to meet the requirements set forth in sections 5 through
6 ~~±2 12.1~~ of this chapter;
7 is ineligible to receive a voucher payment.
8 SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-3.5-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
9 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 4.1. (a) As used in this section,**
11 **"individual" means:**
12 **(1) a provider;**
13 **(2) if a provider provides child care in the provider's home, an**
14 **individual who resides with the provider and who is at least**
15 **eighteen (18) years of age; or**
16 **(3) an individual who is employed at the facility where a**
17 **provider provides child care.**



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(b) If information obtained by a voucher agent under IC 31-33-17-6(7) indicates that an individual has been named as an alleged perpetrator, the following are ineligible to receive a voucher payment:

(1) The individual.

(2) A provider in whose home the individual resides if the provider provides child care in the provider's home.

(3) A provider that employs the individual at the facility where the provider provides child care.

SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-3.5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.247-2001, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 5. A provider shall have:

(1) working smoke detectors that meet the standards adopted by rule for smoke detectors in licensed child care homes; and

(2) running water;

in the area of the facility where the provider provides child care.

SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-3.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.247-2001, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 10. (a) A facility where a provider provides child care must have two (2) exits that:

(1) do not require passage through a:

(A) garage;

(B) kitchen; or

(C) storage area;

(2) are not windows; and

(3) are on different sides of the facility.

(b) A provider shall:

(1) conduct monthly documented fire drills:

(A) in accordance with ~~Article 13 of the Indiana fire code~~ the rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission; and

(B) that include complete evacuation of all:

(i) children; and

(ii) adults who provide child care;

in the facility; and

(2) maintain documentation of all fire drills conducted during the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, including:

(A) the date and time of the fire drill;

(B) the name of the individual who conducted the fire drill;

(C) the weather conditions at the time of the fire drill; and

(D) the amount of time required to fully evacuate the

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1 facility;
 2 in each facility where the provider provides child care.
 3 SECTION 5. IC 12-17.2-3.5-11.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 11.1. (a) A provider shall**
 6 **maintain and annually update documentation provided by the**
 7 **physician of each child who is cared for in a facility where the**
 8 **provider provides child care that the child has received complete**
 9 **age appropriate immunizations as determined by the state**
 10 **department of health.**
 11 **(b) A provider meets the requirement of subsection (a) if:**
 12 **(1) a child's parent:**
 13 **(A) objects to immunizations for religious reasons; and**
 14 **(B) provides documentation of the parent's objection; or**
 15 **(2) the child's physician provides documentation of a medical**
 16 **reason that the child should not be immunized;**
 17 **and the provider maintains and annually updates the**
 18 **documentation provided by the parent or physician under this**
 19 **subsection.**
 20 SECTION 6. IC 12-17.2-3.5-12.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 12.1. (a) A provider shall, at the**
 23 **provider's expense, provide to the voucher agent a copy of drug**
 24 **testing results for:**
 25 **(1) the provider;**
 26 **(2) if the provider provides child care in the provider's home,**
 27 **any individual who resides with the provider and who is at**
 28 **least eighteen (18) years of age; and**
 29 **(3) an individual who is employed at the facility where the**
 30 **provider provides child care.**
 31 **(b) If the drug testing results provided under subsection (a)**
 32 **indicate the presence of an illegal controlled substance, the**
 33 **provider is ineligible to receive a voucher payment.**
 34 SECTION 7. IC 12-17.2-3.5-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 14. (a) Notice of a determination**
 37 **made under this chapter must be provided under IC 4-21.5-3-6.**
 38 **(b) A person affected by a determination made under this**
 39 **chapter may seek administrative review under IC 4-21.5-3-7.**
 40 SECTION 8. IC 31-33-17-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.36-2001,
 41 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 6. Upon request, a person or an organization may**

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1 have access to information contained in the registry as follows:

2 (1) A law enforcement agency or local child protective service
3 may have access to a substantiated report.

4 (2) A person may have access to information consisting of an
5 identifiable notation of a conviction arising out of a report of child
6 abuse or neglect.

7 (3) Upon submitting written verification of an application for
8 employment or a consent for release of information signed by a
9 child care provider, a person or an agency may obtain the
10 following information contained in the child abuse registry
11 regarding an individual who has applied for employment or
12 volunteered for services in a capacity that would place the
13 individual in a position of trust with children less than eighteen
14 (18) years of age or regarding a child care provider who is
15 providing or may provide child care for the person's child:

16 (A) Whether a child was found by a court to be a child in need
17 of services based on a report of child abuse or neglect naming
18 the applicant, volunteer, or child care provider as the alleged
19 perpetrator.

20 (B) Whether criminal charges were filed against the applicant,
21 volunteer, or child care provider based on a report of child
22 abuse or neglect naming the applicant, volunteer, or child care
23 provider as the alleged perpetrator.

24 (C) Whether a court has issued an arrest warrant for the
25 applicant, volunteer, or child care provider based on a report
26 of child abuse or neglect in which the applicant, volunteer, or
27 child care provider is named as the alleged perpetrator.

28 (4) A person may have access to whatever information is
29 contained in the registry pertaining to the person, with protection
30 for the identity of:

31 (A) the person who reports the alleged child abuse or neglect;
32 and

33 (B) any other appropriate person.

34 (5) A person or an agency to whom child abuse and neglect
35 reports are available under IC 31-33-18 may also have access to
36 information contained in the registry.

37 (6) If a child care provider provides child care in the provider's
38 home, upon submitting a consent for release of information signed
39 by an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, who
40 resides with the child care provider, and who may have direct
41 contact with children for whom the provider provides child care,
42 a person may obtain the following information contained in the

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child abuse registry regarding the individual:

(A) Whether a child was found by a court to be a child in need of services based on a report of child abuse or neglect naming the individual as the alleged perpetrator.

(B) Whether criminal charges were filed against the individual based on a report of child abuse or neglect naming the individual as the alleged perpetrator.

(C) Whether a court has issued an arrest warrant for the individual based on a report of child abuse or neglect in which the individual is named as the alleged perpetrator.

(7) A voucher agent (as defined in IC 12-17.2-3.5-2) may have access to the following information contained in the registry regarding an individual (as defined in IC 12-17.2-3.5-4.1) for purposes of determining the eligibility of a child care provider to receive a voucher payment (as defined in IC 12-17.2-3.5-3):

(A) Whether a child has been found by a court to be a child in need of services based on a report of child abuse or neglect naming the individual as the alleged perpetrator.

(B) Whether criminal charges have been filed against the individual based on a report of child abuse or neglect naming the individual as the alleged perpetrator.

(C) Whether a court has issued an arrest warrant for the individual based on a report of child abuse or neglect in which the individual is named as the alleged perpetrator.

The voucher agent shall not disclose information obtained under this subdivision.

SECTION 9. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002] IC 12-17.2-3.5-10, as amended by this act, applies to a provider that begins receiving voucher payments after June 30, 2002.

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